BARRE FOWLS WIN MANY FIRST PRIZES

(Continued from first page.)

ond pullet, A. C. McClure; third, A. P. Abbott & Son; fourth, A. C. McClure; fifth, W. Barelay Scott.

First pen fowls, W. Brown, Barre, second pen, W. B. Scott; third pen, A. McClure; fourth pen, W. B. Scott; fifth pen, A. C. McClure.

First pen chicks, W. B. Scott; second pen, B. L. and A. C. Carpenter, Washington; third pen, W. B. Scott; fourth pen, W. C. Belknap, Bellows Falls; fifth, Mrs. A. S. Foster, East Montpelier.

Shape special on male of Barred Plymouth Rock breed, W. Brown, Barre; color special on male, C. W. McMillan, jr. Barre; shape special on female and color special on female, W. B. Scott.

Single Comb Rhode Island Reds-First cock, D. P. Lafabre, West Berlin; second cock, A. P. Abbott & Son, Barre; third cock, D. P. Lafabre; fourth cock, W. H.

Westcott, Barre. First hen, A. P. Abbott & Son; second hen, Currier & Lyon, Barre; third hen, D. P. Lafabre; fourth ben, Currier & Lyon; fifth hen, A. P. Abbott & Son. First cockerel, Currier & Lyon; second

cockerel, A. P. Abbott & Son; third and fourth, Abbott & Son; fifth cockerel, Mrs. Charles A. Clark, Barre. First pullet, D. P. Lafabre, West Berlin: second and third, Currier & Lyon; fourth pullet, W. Brown, Barre; fifth,

Currier & Lyon, First pen fowls, Currier & Lyon; second, Currier & Lyon; third, A. P. Abbott

First pen chicks, A. P. Abbott & Son; second and third, Currier & Lyon; fourth, George Ross, Barre; fifth, A. P. Abbott

Color special, male, Currier & Lyon; shape special, male, A. P. Abbott & Son; color special, female, D. P. Lafabre, West Berlin; shape special, female, A. P. Abbott & Son

Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds-First Moir & Chesser, Barre; second cock, Estabrook & Heath, Barre; third eock, W. Brown; fourth cock, B, Cutts, Barre; fifth cock, Currier & Lyon, Barre. First hen, Currier & Lyon, Barre; sec-

hen, B. Cutts, Barre; fourth hen, Currier & Lyon; fifth, Moir & Chesser, First cockerel, Moir & Chesser; second W. Brown, Barre; third, W. H. Westcott, Barre; fourth cockerel, W. Brown; fifth,

First pullet, Moir & Chesser; second pullet, Moir & Chesser; third, W. Brown; fourth, Currier & Lyon; fifth, C. A. and

H. G. Dodge, Barre. First pen fowls and second pen, Currier & Lyon; first pen chicks, Currier & Lyon; second, Moir & Chesser; third, Currier & Lyon; fourth, W. Brown;

fifth, W. Brown. Color special, male, Moir & Chesser; shape special, male, Moir & Chesser; color special, female, Moir & Chesser; special, female, C. A. and H. G. Dodge, Barre.

White Plymouth Rocks-First cock, H. D. Hopkins, Montpelier; second and third cocks, C. L. Curtis, St. Albans, First ben and second, H. D. Hopkins; third, fourth and fifth, C. L. Curtis, Monday.

First cockerel, H. D. Hopkins; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitehill and second, C. L. Curtis; third, H. D. Hop-little daughter of St. Johnsbury arrived

6fth. H. D. Hopkins. Pens, fowls, first, H. D. Hopkins; see

oud, third and fourth, C. L. Curtis; fifth,

Special shape, male, H. D. Hopkins; color special, male, H. D. Hopkins; and years ago, shape and color specials, female, H. D.

STATE POULTRY SHOW

18, and 19,

The premium list of the fifteenth ex-Fibition of the Vermont State Poultry association, which will be held in the city hall at St. Albans, Jan. 16-19, 1912. is just off the press and ready for distribution. Anyone desiring a copy should address the secretary, W. B. Witters,

The officers are planning on a bigger show than ever, even surpassing that of I hast year, when 1,400 birds were in com- Rochester last week. petition. A large number of pen coops and regulation bantam coops have been

Chops Steaks

Lobsters

TO ORDER

Ovsters

Table boarders at weekly

Regular meals 25c The Rathskeller

built to take care of the expected large list of entries.

The association offers 30 silver cups beside over \$700 in regular cash prizes and specials, This year the Rhode Island Red Club

of America offers two beautiful silver cups, one for single comb and one for the rare comb varieties, to be competed for at this show. The State Fair silver cup for Plym-

outh Rocks, which has been contested for during the past ten years, will be awards and a large entry is expected in the Rock classes.

The Wirthmore \$50 challenge cup for best display which has been won twice by D. B. Braymer of Pawlet, will attract some of the large breeders of many varieties and the competition will be

E. R. Philo again offers a silver cup for best display of poultry raised by the Philo system. There will be a big display of in-

cubators, brooders, and poultry supplies and appliances. H. B. May of Boston and D. F. Shove

f Fall River, Mass., will do the judging. This insures impartial awards, The Vermont State poultry show is onsidered one of the best in New England and everything bids fair for a repetition of past successes,

GROTON.

Rev. P. A. Smith of Bradford was in town Tuesday

Mrs. W. G. Welch has been severely ill for the past week. Fred Cole of Manchester, N. H., was

visitor in town over Christmas, Mrs. R. N. Darling and daughters, Ruth and Evalona, went to Bradford Tuesday.

over Sunday.

Raymond Scott of Lyndonville was a risitor at Mrs. Clara Parks' over Sunday and Monday

Miss Blanche Thurston returned Mon riends at Barre. ond hen, W. H. Westcott, Barre; third

R. N. Darling returned from Bradford Saturday afternoon and passed Christmas with his family, M. D. Coffrin, who was ill Sunday

and Monday with an attack of acute indigestion, is recovering. William Chamberlain of Newbury leaded a carload of livestock at this

station Monday morning. A. W. Coffrin, from Saturday until Tues- former marriage also survives him,

Mrs. W. H. Henderson, who has been in town since the middle of August. went to her home at Boltonville, Tues-

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pillsbury of Barre were in town over Sunday and Monday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Henry Darling, who has been the guest

of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darling several ays, returned to his home at Marshfield.

kins; fourth, C. L. Curtis; fifth, H. D. Saturday and passed Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. White-Pullets, first and second, H. D. Hop-kins; third and fourth, C. L. Curtis; William Ars. J. Jones,

William Annis received news Saturday nis, at Prescott, Ariz. The body is expected to arrive here some time this veek. Mr. Annis went west some ten

Levi Wilson was called to South Corinth, Monday, by the death of his father. Isaac Wilson, which occurred on Sunday morning. The body was brought here for burial Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Wil-Will Be Held in St. Albans Jan. 16, 17, son was sixty-seven years of age. He was born in Groton, where he lived un til twenty-four years ago he moved to Corinth. He is survived by his wife, who was Caroline Heath of this town,

HANCOCK.

and three sons and two daughters,

Sadie Taylor is living in the family

Raymond Martin spent a few days in

Chester Lewis is working for Farr and Kennedy in their mill at West Roch-

Mr, and Mrs. John Buttles will go to Pittsfield to spend Christmas with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Orvell Hanks.

The Champlain Realty company's big log hauler passed through here on its way to Granville, where it will haul logs this winter. As it resembled a train of cars more nearly than anything else,

a large crowd was out to see it go by, The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. A. D. Martin. As it was a business meeting, there was no literary program. The next meeting will be in two weeks, with Mrs, Alice Leonard. Subject, "Gospel Temperance."

AT THE GREAT FALL CLEARANCE

CLOTHING SALE

Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing, Furnishings, Shoes, Rubbers, etc., at

The American Clothing Co.

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We have been in business twelve years and we were never called upon to make a sale. But the time has come to make a discount of prices on our large stock for the benefit of Barre and vicinity. We cerdially invite you all to come and see the bargains.

The American Clothing Co.

RANDOLPH.

Robert Adams, who was summone here from Denver, Col., by the death of his father, left Tuesday for that city.

William Cushman and Mrs. Mary K. Andrews, both of this place, were married on Sunday evening by H. W. Vail, justice of the peace, at the home of

who have been here from Woodstock competed for at this time for the flual with their grandparents for several days, went to Barre on Tuesday for a visit with friends.

Rev. J. W. Chesbro attended the funeral, on Monday, of Alonzo Williams, who lived with Theodore Williams on the Braintree road. Deceased had reached the age of 77 years and was unmarried.

Miss Ruth Smith, the daughter of Mrs. Charles Smith, is home from Springfield, Mass., where she holds a position as stenographer, to pass a few days with her mother. Tuesday they went to East Granville to visit Mrs. Joseph Manning.

The local Odd Fellows lodge held their annual meeting and elected the following officers on Tuesday night to serve them through the coming year: Noble grand, O. R. Greene; vice grand, W. H. Pelton; secretary, Ned C. Buck; treasurer, A. M. Hubbard; representatives to the grand lodge, F. A. Salisbury and

About 250 children were made happy on Monday afternoon by the free en trance to the Star theatre, where were shown pictures appropriate to the Christmas season, and at its close, each one was treated to a cone of ice cream. It not generally known who the benefactor is, but the management of the Poultry Receipts Smaller at 8@9 Centssame fell to the lot of Prin. E. G. Ham, Mr. and Mrs. James Markham visited who made the arrangements and attend-Mr. Markham's people at Wells River ed to the serving of the ice cream at the

The funeral of Charles Holman was held from the home of his sister, Mrs. Stewart, on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Chesbro officiating, and interment day from a stay of several days with was made in the family lot in South view cemetery. Mr. Holman was born 53 years ago, the son of Jonathan and Hannah (Morse) Holman, and nearly all his life had been spent in this vicinity He was largely known among horse dealers in the state, and in his own town, he entered into other lines of business Deceased is survived by one brother Justin Holman, of this place, Misses Alice and Lavinia Holman, and Mrs. C. L. Stewart of this place, and Mrs. Morris Coffrin of Burlington was at Jennie Baldwin of Somerville, Mass., all the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. of whom were present. A son by a

ROCHESTER.

Evelyn Eaton has been in Boston with er brother for a few days.

Fay Martin is home from Goddard seminary for the holiday vacation.

Jesse Billings was called to Rutland e see his mother, who is dangerously burial in Williamstown.

Mrs. Vincent Gilpin of Missouri is spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Al Jewett.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Washburn have gone to Concord, N. H., where they will make their future home Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Rich are at home

from their wedding trip and live in the of the death of his brother, Charles An- house recently built by W. H. Camp-The books donated to the town li-

brary by the Colonel Clark estate are

being catalogued and a list will be given Mrs. Julia Parmenter has returned from the Mary Fletcher hospital and will make her home for the present with

WILLIAMSTOWN.

her daughter, Mrs. Carl Sird.

Call at Williams' for daily reminders. We have a few left to close out by New Year's.

Kinsman Martin' went yesterday to Roston to visit his sister, who lives

The regular meeting of Fraternity Rebekah lodge will be held to-morrow even-

ing at 7:30. Election of officers. Solon Hutchins and Glenn Smith left yesterday morning for Burlington to at tend the university of Vermont State Agricultural college.

WEBSTERVILLE.

The Christmas entertainment for the Sunday school of the Baptist church of Websterville was held Christmas night and an excellent program was rendered. The committee on decoration made a very artistic display with garlands and trimmings throughout the room. An exceptionally large tree was well laden with gifts.: A handsome oak rocker the juniors, and a sum of money was day. given the pastor, from the friends and members of the church, for which they express their thanks,

CALLED IN THE DOCTOR.

Then He and the Patient Found They

Were Two of a Kind. In the Metropolitan theater the bouse physician has a seat given him for each performance. He is supposed to be there every evening. Naturally there comes a time when the play begins to pall on him. One evening not long ago the stage manager of a local playbouse rushed down the aisle to the doctor's seat and whispered: "Come back at once. The leading la-

dy has had an attack." In the lady's dressing room all was confusion. "What'll we do, doc?" cried the stage manager.

"Have you poured water on her bead?" "Yes, a whole bucket, out of the one

that says 'Not to be used except in case of fire." "Then don't pour any more, I fear you have made a fatal mistake. Run out to the drug store and get this

filled." When they had run out the lady opened her eyes. "Doc," she gasped. "you're a good fellow, ain't you? I know you know there's nothing the matter with me. I want a day off. and I don't want to go on in this act

Can you fix it?" "I sure can," be answered, wringing ber hand sympathetically. "I ain't a doctor. I came in on his ticket. We'll fix it."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

IN LOCAL MARKETS

Misses Marion and Dorothy Hamilton, Fresh Eggs Are More Plenty and Prices Easier

DRESSED PORK UNCHANGED

Potato Prices Are Firm and Bring 80 Cents a Bushel-Butter Brings 32c for Dairy and 35c for Creamery.

Barre, Vt., Dec. 27, 1911. Fresh eggs more plenty. ork unchanged. Potato prices firm, Wholesale quotations: Dressed pork-8c, Dressed veals -9 1/2 @ 10c. Lambs-10@11c. Fowls-14c.

Chickens-17e.

Fresh egga-38@40e.

Cattle 40, 116@516c.

Milch cows-20, \$40@\$60,

Calves-225, 3@616c

Butter, dairy-32c.

Butter, creamery-35c.

Potatoes-S0c. RICKER'S MARKET REPORTS

Milch Cows, \$40@\$60.

Johnsbury, Dec. 27.-Receipts at W. A. Ricker's market for week ending Christmas day were: Poultry-800, 8@9c. Lambs-50, 4@51/2c. Hogs-200, 5@516e.

NORTHFIELD.

Body of Mrs. William B. Mayo Brought From Burlington.

The remains of Mrs. William B. Mayo who died at the Mary Fletcher hospital Tuesday morning, were brought to her home here on the afternoon train. Mrs. Mayo went to Burlington some two weeks ago for treatment and underwent an operation. She had been making a satisfactory recovery until Monday, when a change for the worse came and her friends were summoned. Besides her husband and two children, Mrs. Mayo leaves several sisters and a host of friends, who will truly mourn her sudden death. The funeral will be held at the Congregational church in Northfield to-morrow morning at 10:30, with

Miss Mae Morrill is spending the va cation with friends in Morrisville.

Miss Maude Howes has returned from six weeks' stay in Boston and vicin-Robert Belknap of Dartmouth college,

is a guest at the home of C. A. Edger-Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Reed are spenda week with their daughter, in Hard

Mrs. Daniel Davis is critically ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Spooner.

Mrs. William Jackson of Middlebury is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McIntosh.

Miss Florence Morse of Waterbury was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. Batchelder, yesterday. John Davis and Alson Edgerton, who

are attending school at Worcester acad emy, are guests of their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Irving C. Ellis left Sunday for Brattleboro, where they will

spend three weeks at the home of Mrs. Ellis' parents. Misses Margaret, Mame, and Alice Doyle of Boston and Springfield, Mass., are spending the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John

Doyle. Miss June Joslyn of Montelair, N. J. and Clyde Joslyn of the New Hampshire State Agricultural college, are spending the Christmas vacation at the home of their father, F. A. Joslyn.

WOLCOTT.

Bert Potter is ill with pneumonia. Bert Hubbard is home from Fletcher. Arthur Austin was home from Hard-

wick Monday. Mrs. C. J. Kimball of Hardwick was n town Monday. C. B. Graves of Hardwick was a visit-

or in town Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fife were visitors was presented Mrs. R. L. Caster, from at A. J. Valleau's in Morrisville Sun-Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Goodrich of Hard-

wick were visitors at H. A. Parker's Mr. and Mrs. C .H. Fisher were guests at Fred Gilbert's in Morristown Mon-

Mrs. Otto Blodgett of Morrisville was guest of her mother, Mrs. W. O. Davis, Monday

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stevens of Morrisville were guests at J. W. Scott's Monday

Cold weather means forced fires. December always gives heavy and numerous fire losses. You may be next. Don't wait and be sorry. Insure now and be safe.

Rates on dwellings and household furniture in dwellings in residential districts-\$500 5 years, \$4.75, \$1,000 5 years, \$7.50.

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A REALISTIC **PROPOSAL**

By EDWARD L. SICKLES

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It was a day in November, the gloom without rendering the room, lighted by a fire blazing on the hearth, cheerful by contrast. I had been asked by Dalsy to take a cup of tea with her at 5 o'clock. She served the tea in thin Dresden cups, her pink fingers vying with the china in delicacy. She also gave me a very thin slice of buttered bread on a little plate. Then she handed me a napkin. With the bread plate in one hand and the teacup in the other, how was I to spread the napkin on my knees? I tried to hold the dishes in one hand that I might open the napkin with the other and spilled most of the tea into the saucer. It's just like a woman to hand a man several things at oace. I didn't want either the bread and butter or the tea. Besides, I expected every minute to break one of a fifty dollar ten set.

This part of it was over at last. A maid came in and removed the agony, and we settled down to a tete-a-tete. Daisy was young, barely eighteen. I was twenty-nine. I should have talked about some subject with a bit of meat in it, but Dulsy had just emerged from childhood and was making the transit into young ladyhood. So I must follow her lead under penalty of being considered old as Methuselah. She hadn't entertained many grown men, and ber dashes at the job were spasmodic. In my case she brought out a book with a lot of silly printed questions, to which persons were sup-

posed to write stupid answers. Not that I minded this youthful nonsense. I was getting on to that age by fire, by water and by air, where I wouldn't have minded going back a few pegs. Daisy opened the book, handed me a pencil with a point on it any one would know had been shaped by a woman-that is, blunt as a nail head-and asked me to write an answer to the first question, "What is your favorite color?" I looked at Daisy's jips and was about to write "vermilion" when our eyes met and I put in "blue" instead.

"How singular!" she exclaimed mildly. "That's my favorite color too." My eyes are as black as a stack of

black cats. The next question was, "Are you fond of poetry?" to which I wrote, "I love it dearly." This was keeping in line very well, and Dalsy was much impressed with my taste and the delieacy with which I expressed it, but when I came to reply to the question, "What poem do you most admire?" I blundered. I couldn't remember any poem except "Little Breeches," and it would never do to put that in. Finally or the absence of their nominal rulers follow occupations which do not need "Paradise Lost" occurred to me, and I

wrote It in the book. "What kind of a paradise?" Daisy of the eleventh century Hasan-benasked, cocking her head on one side Sabah, a Mohammedan fanatic who and looking at me like a canary bird. bad been a fellow student with Omar "A lovely girl.

"Is that really the paradise meant in the poem?" Evidently John Milton's great work was not familiar to her. "I couldn't answer for that." I replied. "It's the paradise I mean." She looked down on the book for the next question. "What trait would

you most value in one you loved?" wrote, ignoring the true meaning, "I should like her to be a blond." "I didn't think you preferred blonds."

said Daisy consciously. "I thought you preferred brunettes." "Why should you think that?"

"Oh, I have noticed your attentions to a brunette. A wave of self condemnation swept over me at stooping to this "vealy" dialogue, but I can't say that I was bored. The next question was, "What is your favorite proverb?" To which I wrote in answer, "Faint heart never won

fair lady." There couldn't have been a proverb more inappropriate. Daisy was so unsophisticated, so tender, that she might easily be won by a circus man or a supernumerary in a theater. I grouned when I thought what I was sinking to.

But I proceeded. "What age would you prefer the woman you would marry to be?" was the next question, and, knowing that Daisy's next birthday would come in a month. I wrote "seventeen and eleven

months." By this time Daisy's color had heightened a bit and her shapely bosom was rising and falling a trifle more rapidly than usual. I turned the leaves to the part where were the questions for women and, pointing to a column beginning with the question, "What is your favorite flower?" asked her to do a little answering herself. But in handing her the book my hand touched

hers. That was the beginning of the second part. She took the pencil and tremblingly wrote an answer to the

"Yes." "You have made me very happy." 1 said before I had noticed that she had by mistake placed her reply in the space allotted to "Does music affect you sentimentally?" But I was glad she and I had blundered. I quietly drew her to me and kissed her lips.

That was thirty years ago. Our old est son is nearly as old as I was then I wonder if when he asks a woman to be his wife-the most important nego tiation in life-he will go about it in the fool way I did. Why cannot young persons do this thing with some approach to dignity?

Because it is the only part of marriage that civilization has left to a natural law.

Ends Winter's Troubles. To many, winter is a season of trouble.

The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped

hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red

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SECRET SOCIETIES

Initiation Rites.

SEVERE TESTS OF COURAGE.

The Egyptians Subjected Candidates to a Threefold Trial by Fire, by Water and by Air-The Order of Assas-

sins and Their Sham Paradise. Among primitive communities which might is right and the tyranny of superstition is absolute minorities have always been treated with scant consideration, and overt dissent from vival of the dissenter. Liberty of thought and action, qualified only by the rights of others, is a comparativeand when denied open expression fives in secret imparted to a few chosen associates until the times are ripe for it to be divuiged. Thus a few thinkers and their disciples would band themselves together into a secret society. and the instinct of self preservation would cause them to guard against their secret being revealed to the uninitiated.

The earliest secret societies were religious rather than political. In the mysteries of Persia, India and Egypt an inner ring of priests formed an exclusive association whose members gradually became the repositories of the bulk of the learning of the community. Severe tests of courage and nerve were imposed upon all aspirants for admission to the order. Among the Egyptians the neophyte was taken down a deep shaft in one of the pyramids and subjected to a threefold trial

He had to walk across a grating of redhot iron bars, with narrow interstices whereon he might tread in safe- an inflammation of the eyelids, espety, to swim a wide and dark channel cially in young and healthy persons. hang suspended by two iron rings over with a feeling of tension or fullness in an abyss in the blast of two swiftly the eyes which may become real pain revolving wheels. Even then he had to of a dull aching character, the eyeballs undergo prolonged fasting and silence being very tender on pressure. and to take an oath of secrecy ere his mitiation was complete. A secret sickness, with dyspepsia, paipitation brotherhood of nobles, partly religious and even difficulty in breathing. and partly political, which simed at Sleeplessness is a very frequent sympthe concentration of knowledge and tom, due in part to the excessive flow power in the bands of its members, was of blood to the brain and in part to the established by Pythagoras at Crotona, low tone of the whole nervous system. in the south of Italy. For a time it The symptoms of eye strain appear succeeded in gaining the supreme di sooner in those who lead a confined rection of affairs, but after the Syba- and sedentary life, who follow occuparites had succumbed to the Spartan tions which need a constant use of the discipline of the order it was suppressed by a rising of the discontented.

During the middle ages the unset- cause. The symptoms appear later in tled and lawless condition of many those of coarser fiber, who pass much countries engendered by the weakness of their time in the open air or who was especially favorable to the growth a prolonged use of the eyes for close of secret societies. Toward the close work.-London Lancet. Khayyam at Naishapur, seized the castle of Alamut and founded the sect of the assassins. It is still a moot point whether the word which their evil deeds have given a permanent place in the languages of Europe as a synonym for murderers be derived from the founder's name or from the hemp opiate hashish wherewith they were wont to fuddle their brains to a pitch of sudden frenzy. The Venetian traveler Marco Polo tells of an ingenious plan adopted by their chieftain to insure the unquestioning devotion of his dupes. This was no less than the creation of a sham paradise with lux urious gardens, rivers of honey and wine and houris, all complete. Thither the man selected for any dangerous exploit was transported in a state of intoxication and on his return was told that he had been given a foretaste

of tils life after death. The terror of their name soon spread through Europe. No potentate was safe from the vengeance of a sect He has been despondent.

which regarded death in the execution of their lord's decrees as the gate of paradise. King Philip Augustus of Fennce, contemporary and foe of Richard Coeur de Lion, having incurred The Earliest Ones Had Strengous their enmity, was so afraid of them that he dared not stir abroad without his guards around him, and perhaps his fear appeased the ruthless shelk. for their plans rarely miscarried. The

order was ultimately crushed in 1256

by an irruption of Mongols under Hutaku Khan. In Germany the violence and anarchy that prevailed after the outlawry of Henry the Lion, when every petty baron tyrannized without let or hindrance over all whom his power could reach, led to the institution of a very different secret society, whose functions were purely judicial. The "vehmgericht" was an attempt to check the license of the feudai lords the opinions of the majority had a and to secure the due chastisement of tendency to militate against the sur- crime. It was the proud boast of this court that it judged in secret and punished in secret. Every member was sworn to reveal all crimes that came ly late growth. But thought dies hard to his notice, even if committed by those nearest and dearest to him; hence it became a maxim of the furists of the time, "Non frater a fratre, non hospes ab hospite, tutus." The sentence of the court involved outlawry, degradation and death; the condemned was declared "vehmbar" and was relentlessly pursued by at least

EYE STRAIN.

100,000 daggers.-London Globe.

It Has Many Symptoms and May Af-

fect the Whole System. Chief among the symptoms of eye strain are watering of the eye, a gluing together of the eyelids on awakening in the morning, headache, the posttion and character of which vary with each individual. It may be neuralgic or it may be deeply seated, as was the case with Wagner, the musician, who was complaining constantly of "the

nerves of his eyes." The headache is often replaced by communicating with the Nile and to who also have a little conjunctivitis.

> Sometimes there are vertigo and eyes in bad or unsuitable light and in those who are debilitated from any

ANNULMENT REFUSED. Vatican Refuses to Interfere in the D

Castellane Divorce. Rome, Dec. 27.-The Vatican has delined to grant Count Boni De Castellane an annulment of his marriage with Anna Gould, who is now duchess of

Talleyrand and Sagan. Countess De Castellane was granted a divorce from her husband and given the custody of her three children in 1906. About a year ago Count Boni applied

to the Vatican for an annulment.

PATTERSON'S BODY FOUND And Everything Indicates That He Com-

mitted Suicide. Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 27.-William Patterson of Lincoln, Neb., a friend of William Jennings Bryan, who disappeared from his daughter's home here Sunday morning last, was found dead yesterday with his throat cut, near a

uarry in North Plainfield. A bloody razor lay by his side and the police say that it is a case of suicide.

Green Mountain Express

Montpelier & Wells River Railroad inaugurated NEW NIGHT TRAIN SERVICE, with day coaches and through Pullman sleeping car, between Barre, Montpelier and Boston,

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On December 20th, 1911

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at 7:30 a. m., and Barre at 8:00 a. m. Local passenger rates are greatly reduced. Montpelier & Wells River Railroad mileage is sold at TWO CENTS PER MILE (500 and 1,000-mile books) and is good over the Boston & Maine Railroad; Boston & Maine mileage is good over the Montpelier & Wells

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